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Good evening, everyone. Thank you for joining us. I think we will go ahead and call the meeting to come to order. Welcome to the September 12 2022 meeting of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee. I am committee Vice Chair to Tinish Hollins. I want to thank all of our African American Reparations Advisory Committee staff John McKnight and Amelia Martinez Bankhead for providing the technical assistance for today's meeting. We'd like to open tonight's meeting with a Ramaytush Land Acknowledgement. And do we have a member of our committee that would like to read the acknowledgement to the whole meeting?

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Happy to do so. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land, and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests. We recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland we wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors elders and relatives of the Ramaytush community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

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Thank you, Chair McDonald. Now we'll have the ancestral acknowledgement we have a member of a committee that would like to read this.

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I got you Vice Chair Hollins thank you Member Berry? Yeah, ancestral acknowledgement. We honored the gifts, resilience and sacrifices of our Black ancestors, particularly those who toiled the land and built the institutions that established the city's wealth and freedom. Despite never being compensated nor fully realizing our own sovereignty. We acknowledge this exploitation of not only labor, but of our humanity, and through this process are working to repair some of the harms done by public and private actors because of their work. We are because of our work. We are here and will invest in the descendants of their legacy.

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Thank you, Member Berry, Secretary Mulkey Meyer, do we have any announcements?

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Oh, yes. Vice Chair Hollins. This evening's meeting will be held remotely public comment will be available on each item on this agenda. Each speaker will be allowed three minutes to speak. People anyone calling in please mute your phone until asked to speak please use the raise hand icon or Q&A feature to indicate you would like to participate in public comment.

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Thank you, Secretary Mulkey Meyer please call the next item.

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**Item Number One is call to order and committee roll call.** I will announce each committee members name and they will announce that they're present and I will record the vote and we will announce quorum. Reverend Amos Brown. Committee Member Gwendolyn Brown. Committee Member James Lance Taylor. Vice Chair Tinisch Hollins, present. Chair Eric McDonnell, present. Member Yolanda Harris, present. Thank you. Member Nickole Cunningham. Member Gloria Berry, present. Member Tiffany Walker Carter. Member Laticia Erving, present. Thank you. Member Starr Williams, present. Member Rico Hamilton. Member Daniel Landry, present. Thank you, Member Ekanem, here. Thank you. Member Shakeyla O'Cain. We do have quorum the meeting can come to order.

**We have already completed Item Number Two which is the land and ancestral acknowledgments.**

**And now we can move on to Item Number Three,** which is the resolution to allow teleconference meetings under California Government Code section 54953 II. This is an action item. The committee will discuss some possibly adopt a resolution setting forth findings necessary to authorize the committee to hold meetings remotely under the modified Brown Act provisions of Assembly Bill 361. In accordance with the 45th mayoral directive, this resolution allows the African American Reparations Advisory Committee to convene hybrid remote meetings. It allows members if we were meeting in person, it would allow members who are currently impacted by COVID to participate remotely. But most importantly for this committee, it does allow us to meet remotely and accept public comment remotely, these findings must be renewed every 30 days.

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So move. Second.

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All right. I believe we were to entertain a public comment on this if there was a public comment related to this item. I thank you for your enthusiasm of the members who have jumped ahead and made the move, but we will go ahead and entertain public comment here as it relates only to this item. Madam Secretary, if you would, if there anyone in the audience for public comment on this item.

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Public comment is three minutes this evening, please use the raise hand icon or q&a feature to indicate you'd like to participate in public comment. I do not see anyone indicating they would like to participate in public comment at this time.

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Thank you, Madam Secretary. And to the members of the committee. We can entertain any questions you may have around this item? If not, we can go ahead and entertain the motion once again. Mr. Landry has your hand up? No. Okay. All right. We can go ahead and entertain the motion for this night.

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Continue having these meetings remote. I second.

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Thank you both. **Chair McDonnell (1<sup>st</sup>). And Member Berry (2<sup>nd</sup>)**. There are no objections. This is again, unanimous consent. Thank you, Madam Secretary, please call the next item.

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**The next item is (Item 4) General Public Comment.** This is a discussion item. Members of the public may address the committee on matters that are within the committee's jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

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Thank you so much. There are members of the public that would like to make a general public comment, please do raise your hand to testify. Do you see

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hey, I'm raising my hand but, can you hear me?

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I can hear you but who is speaking? I'm sorry. I don't see that here.

08:24

Hello, hello. Hello.

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I wanted to say something I think I was trying to figure out how to get this thing working again. it wouldn't you know, in the beginning, I want to say I think public comment. I mean, the way you're doing it presented to you. Public is great. Because everybody can come to the meeting. And this is wonderful for more people to get involved in what's going on. So people know what's happening like myself, I'm concerned by what's going on. So keep doing it.

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You know. Okay,

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Thank you so much, sir, for your comment. We appreciate that.

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Are there any other members of the public who would like to participate in general public comment on items on the not on the agenda, please use the raise hand icon or q&a feature. I do not see any members of the public indicating they would like to comment on this item.

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Thank you.

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One person just raised their hand. I'm sorry. Frederick Martin.

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Okay, we'll entertain Mr. Martin's comment.

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I actually don't have anything to say there is someone that just texted me. Her name is Shavon. She wants to say something. So I'm just speaking for her.

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Oh, I do see Shavon hands raised This time,

10:01

yes, hi, my name is Shavon Alan Wong and I was born in San Francisco, my family came here during World War Two. And I am in my Father and my parents were displaced during the urban renewal. And, you know, I lost both of my parents when I was 35. By the time I was 35. And I know they have a certificate of preference program, the way it's a disgrace, the way I found out about this program was through word of mouth. And I subsequently went down to the opposite, I found out that I and a number of my family members were on the list. But as I am, and I've worked in the city, I've paid taxes in the city. Since I was 15. I'm now 50, 52. And I've applied for trying to use a certificate of preference a couple of times, one time I was over one time I was under, and this is after a year, six months, six months to a year of applying, which was very heartbreaking. And now I have a son, that is 22. That's I've never been able to provide adequate housing for him or give him that that family experience. As we know, generational wealth comes from housing. And it's, you know, a disgrace that how African Americans who have paid taxes and love the city have been treated. That's all I wanted to say. Thank you for having this public comment. And thank you.

11:33

Thank you. Are there any other members of the public who would like to participate in public comment on items not on the agenda, please use the raise hand icon or q&a feature. I see none. And I just want to note for the record that Reverend Dr. Amos Brown is in attendance, as well as Rico, Hamilton. Thank you very much. Now, I'm sure.

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Nickole Cunningham is here as well. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

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Welcome to all the members who have joined us and thank you to all the folks who participated in public comment. We have no further public comment, no one else's hand raised we can close this and move on to the next item.

12:22

We can close public comment at this time. Item number five is the vice chairs report. This is a discussion item. African American Reparations Advisory Committee Chair Vice Chair Tinisch Hollins will share updates and announcements. There will be public comment and committee discussion on this item. Welcome, Vice Chair Collins.

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Thank you so much. Again, good evening to all the members of the committee and all the members of the public who are listening in actually don't have a list of updates for the committee eager to move into our subcommittee updates, where I'm sure much of what the public would like to hear in terms of what's happening with the committee and our progress will be shared. If there are additional announcements from community that we want to make sure are shared. We have time to do that later in the agenda. I do see in the chat that member exonym is looking for the agenda. So, if the admin support can please drop that in there for him. That'd be helpful. That is, it for me. Committee members, I'd like to open up to you if you have any questions or anything you'd like to share.

13:39

Madam Chair, Dr. Brown, good evening to everyone. And I hope that everyone has a meaningful and safe summer. Now we're back to the fall in the swing of things I want to mention one thing. It is very troubling to me to have heard that young lady's say that she was not aware of a certificate preference program. That for me says we have got to as a community as low hanging fruit even before we hopefully get to the point of concern, a plan, but sensible Reparations.

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We must do better communication and bonding and we need to explore all of the resources that we have whether it's cable sound reporter the post these Black churches with all the technology that we have around us, I know some of its bad judges, Twitter although the memes that have been devious, gaslighting and telling lies not true, but we have got up that it communicate with people and simple direct language. Well, there are too many others from other communities always have a network to outdo us even when it comes to the lottery for housing, even when it comes to managing measures supposedly to help on house. So, I hope that collective that we take on task by being a committed one to say that people wake up, we're not dead, we still got breath in our bodies. And we need to do more than just communicate. What's the last killing that happened. We've had far too many of those that are just shake us, the faith community, the beloved community and these community-based organizations. It's still happening too much. I know we had some historical yields that caused this fallout. But I think we got enough brains enough strength and enough precedent to collectively say this must stop is insanity. And we must improve on our recreating community in spite of what the redevelopment did. We got to talk with each other, love each other and have maximum communication.

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Thank you so much. Dr. Brown emphasized the importance of a communications plan. I know that the recreations Advisory Committee, along with the HRC has been working on that. But we will continue to build out our communications plan and strategies including engagement with the community. And I know more updates will be coming. As we move through. I'm going to transition here; I believe there's an opportunity for our members of the audience to participate in public comment here. If there are no other comments from the members of our committee. Like to transition to that, Madame Madam Secretary,

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Public comment on this item is three minutes, please use the raise hand icon or q&a feature. If you would like to participate in public comment at this time.

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Ken Johnson, your hand was raised. Mr. Johnson, are you there?

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Yeah, I want to piggyback on what Rev Brown said. And I think at the end of each one of these segments, maybe you guys can select one of one of you to do a little recap, maybe about two to two minutes on cable as to what happened. So, you can show everybody to be up to date, and you just tell them to tune in, you know, just your little small segment and cable air. Or, you know, I have a TV show that I'm doing on channel 29, which aired on there. So, a lot of brothers who have shown on 29 We can start you know anything. So more people would know about what's happening. So I think you know, that's what Rev Brown was talking about getting more people involved. So I think that might be a good way because we have in the meetings, and it's a lot of good information being explained. So at the end of each meeting, maybe one of you could do a little recap either on radio or on, you know, video, Facebook or whatever, if you want to just be a way to get the information out. Just a suggestion.

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Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Are there any other members of the public attending who would like to participate in comment at this time, please use the raise hand icon or q&a feature? Okay, Vice Chair Hollins, I do not Oh, oh no Ken Johnson raised his hand again. I do not see anyone else who would like to participate in public comment on this item.

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Thank you, Madam Secretary, move to close by the time and move to the next item.

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**Item Number Six is August 18th listening session report** back this is a discussion item, AARAC Member Anietie Ekanem will share a high level report from the August 18 listening session held during the September Dream Keeper Initiative community updates meeting there will be public comment and committee discussion on this item.

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Thank you, Madam Secretary, Member Ekanem we're excited. Take it away.

21:00

Thank you so much. Can I have the option to share my screen up? Okay, great. You have on August 18, we had a listening session. And I want to thank one the entire HRC staff. I also want to thank to dream Keeper Initiative for inviting us in instead of doing a listening session. And of course, our Vice Chair Tinisch Hollins did an exceptional job in really sort of moving the conversation forward with the listening sessions really are exactly that, outside of this meeting where we have very sort of defined governmental like defined ways in which we can communicate, we partner with members of our community with different organizations, in order to really sort of get feedback. And honestly, when we're there to listen, to listen to what everyone has to say. The meeting was exceptional. We were invited again by the Dream Team Keepers Initiative, under 65 members, Senator 6% of them from San Francisco. The energy in the room was really high. And just so you know, we had an hour, the energy was so high, there was some many sort of good comments made, that the leadership there decided to actually do have this conversation, be most of the time there. So that's how powerful this conversation is. Next slide. Great, and we simply asked two questions. And here they are, what issues do you believe affect Black San Franciscans when it comes to employment, health, education and wealth retainment And secondly, how can the city fully embraced and enrich our Black communities to ensure that we are here for generations to come? Next slide. Again, we had a lot of great feedback comments. And here are just some of them. And I think they're important enough for me to sort of read them off directly. wealth building has consistently shown us showing up as a priority. suggested for recommendation include mortgage forgiveness, entrepreneurship and small business funding and seed investment capital. Homeownership is a common theme, which is related to our wealth building. And again, something that came up time and time again, is commercial corridors, we need to have a very strong one small businesses in are the lifeline of our community. And the Black community needs that visible retail commercial business corridors. Recommendation must be comprehensive and holistic is not just money, but it's also health, wealth, education, employment, and all must be addressed in order to truly advance change, really taking a look at the Black experience as a human experience and taking a look at the whole person, the whole family, whatever that family unit might be defined, and the whole community. It's paramount that people have the agency over the resources that come out of this individual and collectively, so individual wealth as well as community wealth, we have an enhanced sphere of what that looks like. So, it's not just all about the person, but also taking a look at, again, the group, our community as a whole. When we think about these, these things when we think about Reparations, and advancement. Black seniors can convey the urgency of expediting Reparations, so that elders who experienced the brunt of historical trauma can realize the outcomes of the process now and they can experience the benefits. This is some of the high-level items extremely important. And I know I'm taking this back and I hope that every one of us takes us back into our own subcommittees and whatever other working groups that we have. Again, I am a big fan of the listening sessions. And again, last year Hyland did you did a great job. He literally did such an amazing job making sure that we can actually get all of this really great feedback in in the time allowed Thank you.

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Thank you, Member Ekanem was really an honor to co, facilitate that conversation with you. And I'm really impressed that you were able to capture all of that in a presentation because the conversation was extremely

rich. Also want to note that there was a real sense of urgency that the community shared in that conversation that while this process is important, and they understand that it will take time to develop a report, that we're all doing our due diligence to do the research and pull the data information, that our communities are feeling the crisis right now, the economic crisis right now, and their immediate needs right now. And so, we encourage them to think about how we organize and how we can push to get those needs met, while this process is going on, concurrently, so just want to thank the community, for for sticking in there. And bringing all their passion and their thought to it and I agree with you remember Ekanem, there really is no better way to get a full picture of where communities are what we need, other than listening. And I'm glad that we were able to do that.

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And just one other thing. I also want to thank Juell, Stewart, who actually did the heavy lifting. So that presentation was really like a lot of the work that she did. So, I want to give, give our complete team credit for the work that it's done.

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Absolutely. Thank you, Juell. I know she's not here tonight. But great job as always. We're going to transition here and open it up to committee members if there are any questions regarding the presentation just shared by member Ekanem. And then we'll transition to public comment. I do see Dr. Brown's hand.

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Now Madam Chair, and members of the commission. If the patient is dying, it becomes inhumane. People have they know what's wrong to keep on analyzing and talking. And what our colleague has just presented is no different than what we've already heard. Words similar expressions coming from the Health Committee. And I'm sure from the others. And I just personally feel that we will stop and Flink to think and reflect seriously that we must not make the boogeyman the threat of doing analysis. Kill us. We are ready to die. Have what he just shared with us is nothing new. We've heard it before. I've heard it. And other chairs of committees have heard it. With all the killing that's still going on in this city even recently up in Bayview Hunters Point. Every week. I hope and pray. Yes, blessing. Yes. Be considerate of others. But the community is at the point of death. Thank you,

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Dr. Brown. I do realize that I actually went backwards. Public comment comes next. So, I want to hold off on discussion with the rest of the committee in transition to public comment. Apologies to the members of the public whose hands have been raised for the last few minutes. We're gonna go ahead and intent entertain public comment and then we will take additional comments for discussion from the committee members before we close out the item.

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Madam Secretary, I would like to welcome back Mr. Johnson. Mr. Ken Johnson.

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Okay, can you hear me? Yes. Hello. Thank You.

29:47

Hello.

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Yes, we can. Okay, um, I'm sorry Okay. I like what Rev Brown was saying. And, you know, I'd like to start a committee you know, of course going to take the building to fill my heritage center? Not really take it but, you know, come together and where you know, get started doing protests or whatever, because it's ridiculous that building this close is totally it makes Black people look like we get no sense is ridiculous. Look at all the training programs they have going on and now you're not I mean cook cooking class all kind of janitorial, you know kind of video and we got to teach, you got to tell him in a screening room. And then when you show independent films, put foot, the Black film festival, you know, we had some things going on there, but stop bringing that back, that's gonna hire people from the community to be in there, you know, start doing something that you know, now to build it needs to be cleaned up, have a program to clean the building up. So if you if this people are being employed, you know, I mean, you know, so I like to, uh, my brother, Daniel Larry was talking about, you know, you know, we can start a committee or something you know, a committee apart from that, you know, anyway, I just think that you know, we should come at it from all different angles, the reparation what you're doing illegal fun, we should come out in my mouth style or whatever kind of style where they see we want to build in right now. And then you ain't doing ain't nobody doing nothing. Look like you don't want the building and no protests ain't nothing going on. So, we got to show that we actually want the building it and we'll stop at nothing to get it. We have to show some passion you know. So anyway, those who want to, you know, Member Landry?

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Or just Contact me. I'd say my email is on a call. Hello.

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Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I think we got the last of your comment. Mr. Johnson.

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Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Now, I'd like to welcome Dennis Williams. Can you hear me? Yes,

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yes. All right. Good afternoon, everyone. This is Mr. Dennis Williams, Chair of the Fillmore merchant's collaborative. Founder of no racism, no hate San Francisco, which is a grassroots organization. And I'm also owner of a real estate development company in the city. I like to back again, thanks for everybody that's calling in. It's very, I don't know, I'm kind of upset my spirit is, is kind of off today. Because I'm finding it increasingly hard and difficult to get employment gain employment in the community, especially in real estate development. As you know, our buildings mostly city wide are being developed. There's also large development projects going on in the city pertaining to things that Black African Americans built helped build these corporations such as the San Francisco Giants, Mission rock projects, \$1.5 billion today, no Black real estate development companies have

been awarded any contracts. And this is purposely done any robs our entire Black community of the ability, especially businesses like mine ability to hire our troubled youth and our young adults through job training, and meaningful contracts. And I say my spirit is shaken is because we also have projects that are Black leadership run, even in our own community. I'm from the Fillmore I live in Plaza east apartments, which is the centerpiece of a \$350 million redevelopment, that no Blacks unless you're Reverend Townsend, who's, you know, in on everything, but they're not allowing us our Black leadership. I'm talking or not allowing others other Black men that's coming up Black women to gain employment, for those of you that are positions or whatever it is, where's the outrage that there's \$1.5 billion projects going on? And we're not included? Where's the outrage at as you said, Reverend James Brown stated, the two girls that died in the Bayview and we have a moment of silence for them. But we're not allowed to we're missing money in our communities. And there was no outrage, we keep talking about deaths, but we're not allowed to even hire these people were not even hired, like, allowed to hire the youth, to get them a way to show them another way, by meeting always asking at these meetings, and I'm tired of asking, but, you know, it's not the old ways where we can just barge down there with 1015. Guys and hold up job sites, you know, you got to jail for that. But where are the pastors who mostly have development companies? Where are they stepping up and implementing things and not going to just along with the corporate structures? Are these multibillion-dollar corporations that are seemingly stealing from our urban sectors from Hunters Point as far as a doubt about Bob store and the shipyard, and everywhere else, we're missing job opportunities to hire our own to build our own. Thank you.

36:05

Thank you, Mr. Williams. Now, I would like to welcome Donica Carlos to speak this evening.

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Good evening, everyone. I just would like to know. You know, there's been quite a few comments this evening. And I say this in love that have, in my opinion, been very accusatory of what continues to happen. What's been going on what people have seen what they've experienced. And what I'd like to know is if the presentation that, Mr. acronym, is that how you pronounce your name, I don't want to mispronounce it. acronym, acronym made, if it is a repeat, a duplication, something that we've seen before. My question is why? Why is he in 2022, presenting something that's been presented before, because if things have changed, should be changing, will be changing, then his presentation should be something totally new. We shouldn't be having the same conversation, not to him, but to those of us who have been around who have been gatekeepers, what is preventing those changes that should have could have would have happened years ago, months ago, weeks ago, from occurring? I think that a lot of times, when we as Black people get together, we spend a lot of time talking about who should have done what and when they should have done it.

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And not physically, literally figuratively, taking the action that we need to. Because a lot of times we are afraid of who we might upset, who were tiptoeing around, and we have to as a collective, understand that we are not always going to agree on everything. But the one thing that we have to agree on, is the fact that Black people are suffering not just to San Francisco, I know that that's what we're talking about, but across the globe. And we have to understand that us being in a better place financially, spiritually, mentally, physically, is way more important than special interest than who might be upset with us. And I would just hope that we can turn the

focus into solutions versus talking about who didn't do what and when they didn't do it and how they didn't do it. We are beyond that. And we need to come up with solutions that are going to change our lives. Thank you.

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Thank you, and my apologies if I mispronounced your name. Ms. Carlos. Now I'd like to welcome Frederick Martin.

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Thank you for all of the speakers. I think that part of the solution for me and I know when it comes to housing, that's really one of my main interests because I feel like everything that we're doing if people keep getting evicted or displaced, or moving out, then who are we doing this for? So, keeping the people that are here housed and those that may have been displaced? or that are unhoused right now making sure that everybody, all Black people have housing, in whatever form it's needed. If it's, you know, homeownership, if it's, you know, changing the subsidized vouchers into housing deeds, or, you know, whatever, it just it needs, we do have the resources and the intelligence and the know how to fix all of these things. I was a little disheartened by Dennis Williams, what he said about because I've heard him at several meetings, talking about being a Black owned developer and owning his business, but to hear this other side of it, it's that is an issue and it's been a long-standing issue. And the problem is not the solutions that we come up with, or getting stuff are out off our chest or whatever, I think that's very necessary in the healing process. The problem is that no matter what happens, the systemically racist system, and the people who are racist, whatever color they are, constantly block what we tried to do or make other efforts. So, this is, to me, this is really about like, like the lady said, coming up with the solutions, but really moving forward. Like, I personally, Dennis, I think you should be at all of the housing meetings if you're able to, because your voice needs to be heard, especially in talking about the youth. There's so and then there's the other side of the housing issues, which is which has to do with policy. So, there's different ways that we can attack this and fix this. And I don't think it's one solution, because there are so many problems. So, we have to use as many solutions as we can. And what does that require that requires people who know, people who are impacted, coming up and saying, This is what we need, and this is what we want. So, I'm in total agreement that the community engagement, and reaching as many people as possible, is important. But Dennis, I'm inviting you to come to the housing groups, I'm not running them. But you know, an EJ and Humphrey and other people are running those meetings. So please come to that I personally want to get your information. Because that's another area that I want to go into. I feel like you too, like, we need to have more Black people that are invested in our people in our community and getting people house and building it from beginning to end. We should be involved in all of that.

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Thank you, Mr. Martin. Um, now I would like to welcome back Ken Johnson. Yeah,

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I want to just come in on what the brother just said, I think he answered a big question for me. And that's for the people living and the housing, public housing turnovers, the Eternals subsidized led us into Deeds. So you own, you know wherever you staying, and it becomes your property, turn that into deeds, you know, so people they own property so as long as you pay the bills you know whatever you paying Then locked them in since they

talking about, you know, they want to keep Black people in the city do that? Because some don't those places used to be all Black, you know, I mean, at one time now, a lot of them, you know, you're gonna see hardly, you know, Black faces in there. You know, anyway, I just wanted to piggyback off to brother said, when he said that said that's the key right there. He said it turned turn those leases into deeds, you know, fight for it, bring it up, talk about it, you know. So anyway, that's it. I just want to say that.

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Thank you, Mr. Johnson. Now, I would like to welcome Shavon Wong.

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I just wanted to piggyback and say, I liked that idea of reading Martin, because when I think about, you know, coming from the Fillmore district, and, you know, having at one time a community of family members and businesses, I think, creating some kind of a situation where we could we could turn the leases into deeds, you know, so we can, you know, own where we live and create some kind of, I don't know, repair it that way. And then the other thing I was thinking too, like living here in the tenderloin, there's so many African Americans that live in the SROs that are working, you know that I feel like it's a really lost resource. And in the Tenderloin area, and just, you know, going on the corners and just talking to young people, we have a lot of, I think there's like a lot of potential and loss opportunities, because we just don't hit the streets. And then the other thing I want to say there's so many vacant storefronts, and that that can be used for, you know, a number of things, trainings, community centers, all kinds of opportunities here in the Tenderloin. So yeah, thank you for having me. Again, I want to thank everyone that put the meeting together, and I appreciate the conversation.

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Yeah. Okay, thank you if there are any other members of the public who would like to participate in public comment? I do not see any hands raised at this time Vice Chair Hollins.

46:11

Thank you, Madam Secretary. We'll move here into committee discussion. I see Member Ekanem Hands up.

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Yes, I just want to say thank you so much members of the public and also the committee for the comments on the listening sessions. We put those together, because earlier on, we heard from the people, specifically that they wanted a forum where they wouldn't be held to just three minutes. So that's why we're doing these. And I think it's really important, regardless if people who have feedback and something to say, get an opportunity to say this was part of the process. So I will defend that. Even if we think we've heard things know things already. I think it's really important that people's voices be heard during this process all the way through. Also, I think secondly, a lot of come up around housing and a lot of different things. We made a commitment in the economic empowerment subcommittee that we would come up with interim demands are split up into working groups, and one of those is housing and space justice. And we're working through our demands around that. So, a certificate of preference, I want to invite anyone who has an issue like around that, please, please, please

come to that. Because we are delving deep into what that should be. When we talk about housing and development, the same exact thing. That's just one working group that we have, we have three others. One is Reparations payments. Another one is Black jobs and Black jobs succession. And the last one has to do with Black business ownership and entrepreneurship. So, if you think you have a solution in any one of those, you want to help us delve deep into what we need to do. And also let me be very clear, we are presenting these as a consolidated list of demands interim demands to the board of present supervisor soon. So that we're not waiting to the end. But we're getting things done now. And then lastly, and Vice Chair, Hollins actually brought this up in the listening session, this is not the only place to do the work. There are a lot of other sort of folks who are marching already who are doing that work that we need to give some energy to, in addition to this group. So, I think that's really important for us sort of moving forward to use all of our resources to get the things that we really need to get.

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Thank you, Member Ekanem. Member Landry

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Yes, that just wanted to kind of like follow up with a member XML was speaking up because I've been personally trying to participate in much listening sessions, just so we can not only show the public that we in concert, as subcommittee leads on this, but really, like he was mentioning, you know, you have literally every week new people coming aboard and I'm really excited and what I've seen at the last listen to Senate because I see people ready to work. We know that this is not we're not making you know, something instant, this is like a gumball. And it's gonna take, you know, some serious rolling up your sleeves and, and burning the midnight oil. Well, I will say that, you know, the action subcommittee that I spoke on, previous that Ken Johnson mentioned, was something that I thought could probably address a lot of concerns of the public in terms of the immediate, you know, issues that we face, which entails all the things that's happening in our city, and we know that it impacts us even, you know, the task force, although we are mandated, you know, to have these draft and reports in by 2024. So I just wanted to just add that as a line of support and note

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Thank you Member Landry, Member Berry.

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Thank you, Vice Chair. I speak to you guys from the City of Brotherly Love Philadelphia, where I'm at right now. And I checked into what's going on here as far as Reparations is concerned, and the faith community is working with the mayor here on Reparations, and they specifically called out the Quakers and their participation in slavery. Specifically, they're called concept of solidarity confinement in prisons, and the Quakers this year, the same year, they're going to donate \$500,000. I know that's not a lot. But it's just a bold move they did and got fast results. So I just wanted that to inspire. And one of the people in the faith community prayed that to bless us to be holy, foolish enough to believe we can make a difference in this world to do others claim cannot be done. So I hope that inspires someone. And then as far as questions which Vice Chair Hollins said, asked if we had, I wanted to ask if at the listening session where the subcommittee's brought up, and when and how to attend the subcommittee meetings. And I just wanted to put out there that the education subcommittee next

meeting is October 5. And we will be meeting more often due to this report we got due December 1 off so I wanted to know when is the next listening session? And also what's the status on legal consultants and other internships. And then finally, as far as this process is concerned, once we submit our final report, is there a clear path of what will happen next? I have a fear dislike a lot of the members of the public that this would be another report shield like previous reports.

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To your question about upcoming dates, we can share those I'm not sure who, on our end would have a list of upcoming dates for the next community listening sessions. But we can make sure that information is shared. Chair McDonald, don't have you have that information.

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Thank you Member Berry,

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Vice Chair Hollins Juell is holding that calendar. So when she returned from vacation, we'll be starting to push that information out to I think it's in the link. I think I mean, in the chat. I think Cathy put it in the chat. Or is that just a presentation?

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I do see that in the q&a feature, the housing and Spacial Justice subcommittee is taking place on September 13. Tomorrow at 6pm. If I could if someone could put the link to that meeting in the chat, that would be great.

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I would just note that that's different than the listening session. But yes, so soon as we get the listening session information, we will certainly push that out.

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Thinking the Member Berry, you had a couple of other questions. I'm sorry if I'm missing any but the I think the final one that kind of stuck with me was just the conversation, wanting to entertain a conversation about there being a clear path forward or the development of the report. And I do think that that is something that we can revisit and see if there are additional suggestions about in addition to the process, which we've already shared. What other recommendations are we making that would make that path clear for community as well about what the next steps would be? Do I capture it? Do we respond to everything? Or was there anything else that we missed in your questions?

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I just wanted to know if I'm subcommittee meetings were pushed out to the public at the listening session. And then as far as the report, after it's complete, whatever we recommend and report, it doesn't matter, you know, like racial office or racial equity, you know, we recommend it a lot. And that office has been unsuccessful. So will there be ordinance or legislation demanding that other supervisors will vote on Will that be written by one of the supervisors? Once we do our report? What's going to happen after so that me, us the public will know?

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I think those are great questions. And I also think they're great suggestions. I don't think there's anything prohibiting us from making recommendations like that, especially when it comes to policy. As far as your first question about whether or not the listening sessions are being worked or participation, the subcommittee's are being pushed out in these listening sessions. I know that when Member Ekanem and I did the last one at the dream keeper meeting, we definitely invited folks. So we would encourage each of the subcommittee's to do that. I know we're about to hear from Mr. Landry as well. So we want to continue sharing that I know subcommittee information has also been shared by jewel with the public. So we'll continue to push that out so that folks can participate.

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So the members of the committee any other comments on this item before we closed and move to item seven? Okay, hearing none and before I hand it back to Madam Secretary, I also want to acknowledge that members Brown and Carter are now with us welcome members Brown and Carter. Madam Secretary, we can close this item and move to the next item on the agenda.

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**Item Number Seven Is Policy Subcommittee Update.** This is a discussion item. The San Francisco African American Reparations Advisory Committee policy subcommittee will share updates on their ongoing work. Presentation by Nickole Cunningham Policy subcommittee Member Daniel Landry education subcommittee lead there will be public comment and committee discussion on this item.

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Thank you Madam Secretary. Welcome Member Landry.

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Yes, Thank you Vice Chair Hollins. And I guess I need to preference before i go forward with the information that you're about to see you will see a lot of things that have been mentioned before from the other subcommittees as well as our full body but the idea of tonight is to just as a subcommittee to give an update and to kind of like allow ourselves to be questioned as well as to have a conversation as a full body around the work that has been done as the public policy subcommittee so I'm gonna go straight into it because we got 20 slides and if I could get where we at here Forget get the share screen is up okay

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are you able to share your screen Member Landry

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just one moment please

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the one person who can help is uh just stepped away if you could, if you can email me a copy of your slideshow. I could pull it up and share it

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I'll put my email in the chat just one moment okay. Did you send the slideshow Member Landry

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yeah, I'm Sending it. Thank you,

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I'm looking in my email now and if you turn off your camera for a minute and probably send a little bit quick

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do You have it , i sent it?

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Yeah. Okay, I'm still not getting it. John did you have a copy? Okay, he can't share his screen. He says he doesn't have permission. He should be able to sorry about the tough technical difficulties everyone.

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Yes, thank you everyone for your patience while we sort this out just a few more, few more minutes here, sorry.

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Okay, we're here. Can you see it on your end?

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Yes. Thank you.

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Thank you. So I'm gonna get right into it again. This is the policy subcommittee update report for September 12 2022. And I am Daniel Landry, the subcommittee Lead. And as you see, we have other members who have

participated Nickole cuttingham, Rico, Hamilton, Yolanda Harris, Professor James Taylor and Gwen brown. So our purpose, our attentions, or intention is to develop policy and legislative priorities, centering Reparations for African Americans that can be implemented as a part of the San Francisco city charter. Objectives. We will choose current enforceable laws, and that disproportionately affect Black people, number one. Number two, we want Pac and review the current laws that have negatively impacted Black people. Number three, we will partner and work closely with educational subcommittee and the economic empowerment subcommittee to collaborate and a wellness health subcommittee that and put that in as a title to collaborate, ensure policies to conserve and synchronize number four, we will began to research how to make legislation with teeth from previous recommendations put before the city I African American out migration report. Unfinished Agenda and the war on drug report. Number five, we will review African American Task Force committee subcommittees initial proposal recommendation policies prior to final submission to the BOS board of supervisors and the mayor. And lastly, number six, who was impacted the entire Black population of San Francisco, specifically population, infants, children, adults and seniors in all the San Francisco neighborhoods, zip codes and impacted city wide. So our outcomes, all reparation legislation policies proposed to the city of San Francisco will become law, as you know that this is one of the things that we've been talking about for months now is how to take the language of all these recommendations and make this language into law and, and as they say, pass the law test. Number two, each African American individual born and raised, who has lived in San Francisco since the incorporation of the city and county of San Francisco, were received Reparations. This is something that we talked about before too, when we spoke about you know, the harms, you know, that happen here in San Francisco, when you count the city, going backwards to 1850 and being incorporated we need to put all our legislation together that reflects how long San Francisco been here and and and that's a part of it. So that takes you to here I wanted to just, you know, kind of like touch on stuff. And I know this may seem like elementary to some but it's good to know the basics on San Francisco. So the history of San Francisco, originally known as Yerba Buena, after Land of the Ohlone people, that's that's very unique. I mean, every time we open the meeting and you know, we speak about the city and ancestors, and really what San Francisco sits on we need to know exactly on how the city got started. And where are we going from in terms of preparedness policy, and what we can pull from, to come out was actually looking for for Reparations. San Francisco was founded in 1779. And named after St. Francis .

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On April 15 1850, the city and county of San Francisco was incorporated. Again, that's like to me 100, and some years. And I know we spoke about that Black cart that Anita is committee is working on. That's, to me, it's a no brainer that we need to, you know, count the numbers of the years that have passed on as we move forward. And whatever policy that our subcommittee is considering we have been working for the last year to search and what happened and you know, and compare that next slide is okay, how policy laws are established here in San Francisco government. So policies or laws can be established either by the Board of Supervisors, the mayor, or by the people do a ballot initiative to prove by the majority of vote of San Franciscans. Any laws can be challenged here locally, on a state level and are in federal courts. Some of the past harms 13th amendment, Black coal slay coals, debt servitude and debt bonding. Pig laws sharecropping, article 34, Jim Crow, eminent domain, redlining welfare you also known as AFDC, the war on drugs and racial profiling some of the continuing harms that we were facing we live with at this very moment, we know prop 209 and and what that you know, represent and, and how that can be considered harm. Even now, in our present day we live in in in housing

evictions, student loans and child support laws, zoning laws, restrictions, three strikes and mandatory sentencing, non oversight for community benefits. Youth and Young Adult resources limited to youth and young adult resources, educational policies, we know that educational policies that have failed us failed redevelopment projects, which is interesting, because that connects back to again, that Heritage Center and all these other projects, citywide health disparities, environmental injustice that we see in Bayview Hunters Point, income wage to get or wages get bank loans and credit discrimination. Black owned businesses declining as we see on the corridors of the Black community, as well as the Black population in San Francisco in a decline. Implementation of Reparations legislation. So number one, as a subcommittee, we want to identify policies to change or amend and mandate read Reparations through our city ordinance and through again, the city charter. Number two, research previous and current city tax codes to help craft Reparations tax or Reparations tax. Number three, you want to implement pest recommendations and reports and studies by rewriting the language to meet the city policy standards. And this is something that, you know, we have been talking about meeting with the city attorney and really you utilizing the slavery ordinance template that was done previously in 2008. Areas of Focus, systematic disparities, and the legal system, the health institution in the area of housing, education, and the criminal justice system. Number two, and the institutional areas that have legally hindered Black people in San Francisco from establishing generational wealth.

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So this is when I took time out and we have been discussing this on the subcommittee level for many months, as well. It was also conversations having just out in the community, we all will have heard from the public about the past recommendations, reports and studies. So We took time out to not only review some of the reports in a way that we could pull, not all but some that is key to policies that we're going to craft. Before we finish our draft, unfinished agenda of 1993. There was 23 recommendation actions in that report. Recommendation one and two talked about creating policies to increase African Americans income. And recommendation three talked about establishing a volunteer Fund, which they call it a tax volunteer fund to develop for African American foundations. Then you go over into 2009, you had the out migration report. That migration report overall recommendations covered housing, education, economic development, culture and social life along with public safety, and Qi, which is quality of life issues. In 2015, we had the War on Drugs report, the community urge in that report 12 recommendations to the San Francisco Human Rights Commission. Here's some of that can immediately be implemented in our judgment as a subcommittee. One is to lift the lifetime ban of CalFresh assistance for people with low level drug convictions. Number two was to expand post convictions dismissals, and provide that individuals receive local sentencings. Under the new realignment laws have an opportunity to position for set aside of dismissal which is under the state penal code 12, zero 3.4, also known as expungement. In 2016, actually a subcommittee I sat on personally, we developed the African American historic context statement. And we came up with many recommendations about that was report was basically to deal with preservation of the city of Black historical, you know, businesses, etc, etc. So we explored the federal rehabilitation tax incentive, we explored the transit, opera, occupancy tax, which was key, because even then, if you go back and just look at it from now, we have suffered, because, like many other people are saying from the public, these reports was just not implemented sometimes, like, Member Berry said it just not sometime, but they sit on the shelf. And here we are, again, going over the same reports. Now here in 2022. So this is really, you know, to me, the reparation tax of the policy subcommittee is really one of our biggest challenge. And I say that in the way that I think this is, this is one issue, we have spent a lot of time going over and over and hashing

out a lot of the details. And I think that this is going to be something that really once we get to a final mark in this, I think people really appreciate the work that have went into this. So we have identified two options up to this point. One is the obvious this increase in user sales tax to 9.5%. Here in San Francisco. What was not, you know, something wasn't clear to me is that San Francisco have out of all the counties in the state of California, a very low base user sales tax. So that's something that we need to explore more. And consider as we move towards a Reparations tax. Number two was to establish the special tax on the bank institutions and insurance companies who admitted to playing the role of slavery. So again, the slavery ordinates. That happened in 2008 or two, I think it was 2008 laid out. And we was able to get a lot information of banks here like the United States banks or US bank that played a role in slavery. I mean, they admitted to it and it's on file, it's on record is mandated that you disclose this information here in San Francisco, thanks to at that time supervisors Sophie Maxwell, and we should take advantage of what has happened and use that going forward as we create this reparation tax, because a lot of these banks, I don't think,

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at this point have been called to the test of playing a new role and putting our base together. So going into the next slide, Dylan, what additional policy subcommittee proposed areas for Reparations. The one issue that we have been talking about and discussing for a while is to fillmore Heritage Center should be given as an asset to the Black community. And a cooperative entity in our judgment must be structured for us to be have ownership as shareholders, for Black people. City of San Francisco should pay off all mortgages for housing cooperatives. This is very key, as you know, because we have still some remaining housing cooperatives here in San Francisco. And we still face issues of evictions and the things that some of the public was talking about earlier, that we need to address. Creating the Blackboard, I mentioned that again before that new tastes economic subcommittee he's working on and that's something that we want to work in lockstep and support his efforts. Because we believe that this Black court would really, you know, what, resources wise, is something that we could all, I think, get behind and rally for our city. I'm losing, okay. City of San Francisco needs to look into land acquisition legally to acquire by eminent domain or we distribute to the Black community, as everyone knows, the eminent domain was used to take our land, so and so many other ways that, you know, one person said to me directly, why can we use eminent domain to take it back? If it's proven to be illegal? Now, I don't I'm not a lawyer. I don't know the legalities of that. But it's at least worth considering. And looking into going forward as a part of this reparation. Demand, creating something like a Reparations commission that has more teeth. So we sunset as a task force, but it's nothing stopping us from moving forward after 2024. And that can answer some of the questions that a lot of people may have in the community, as well as even some of the taskforce Members that you know what the future look like for Reparations here in San Francisco. And then, lastly, a form of land owned by the city county of San Francisco. This should be to me, a concerted effort to sit down with San Francisco, with the board of supervisors with the mayor, and identify available land that's currently in the possession of San Francisco, even if best land down in the peninsula, or another counties find a way to identify land that can be redistributed back to the Black community. So now I was talking about getting around prop 209, with all due respect that no memorandum is brown, you know, you speak about, you don't want to hear that anymore. So please bear with me, when I say that, you know, prop 209 is something that it keeps coming up. And we're trying to address it as we go. But let's just look at it as just a really, I think an obstacle that we can get around meeting what other community members, we've been looking at proposition 209. And let me just explain this. So proposition 209 is a California ballot initiative.

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Excuse me ballot proposition, which upon amended the state constitution that forbid state governmental institutions from considering race, sex or ethnicity, specifically an area of public employment, public contracting and education. That's the obstacle, right? Is that using the language or using the word Black? You know, I was just told that in Evanston, Illinois, that they already are facing some challenges legally, have probably, you know, of using certain language out there. So that's something that we got to get ahead of. So this is one of the possible solutions is to create an Eligibility class criteria. And I know Dr. Brown, the state task force, in one of the reasons why the eligibility criteria was created was to get around this issue. So we want to design an eligibility group base, lineage and ancestry of those who are descendants from us slavery, and Jim Crow. This is a way we can possibly get around that proposition 209 issue or 209 So these are some of the outreach that's been done by the public's subcommittee policy subcommittee. We've been reviewing in Cobra you know, some of the Cobra information on the national level of course alvinston reparation policy has been reviewed and we have literally spent time comparing here Are to deer, which we know is not a perfect fit for here, but it's at least worth looking at. We have met with the community and people, there's been key people in the community that's participated in this policy subcommittee, but there's been two that stands out, of course, our elders, Sandy Brockman, who kind of bless our subcommittee, and then Ken Johnson, who has been literally at every meeting and been really very supportive, every step of the way of the policy subcommittee, then, of course, DeAnthony Jones, who we missed, but he put in a lot of work and help late a lot of foundation in the early days of the policy subcommittee provided read Mosley, who's a IRS tax expert, and really identify in terms of the preparation tax on what we should pursue and how we should look at it and how we should compare local laws with state and federal laws. And then Chris in the CJ team, which is the one actually gave us the advice of getting around prop 209.

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So this is one thing that's critical is timelines. And I know that I mean, I'm not sitting here not frustrated. I mean, I know that things that's happening, everyone is looking for outcomes, and quickly. But basically, when you hear from us as a taskforce we're operating on this timeline. As you know, our first meeting was June 1 2021. Our first report was submitted December 1 2021. And we're at the point now here of working towards December 1, which is our next step to 2022 to submit a draft report. And then that will take us into June first 2023, to submit our final plan. And then, of course, we sunset, January 18 2024, as a task force committee. So I want everyone you know, to who can participate to to join us this Friday, we will be meeting with our city assessor, Mr. Joaquin Torres. And this is a very special meeting to deal with the reparation taxing to hear from him as well as the community. And we'll have others on there as well that to look at what are we really talking about when we say Reparations tax, and what is needed before we submit that final report to the full body going into December 1 of this year 2022. So I'll put in the chat and a link before this meeting over all the the meeting ID and zoom information. But that's this Friday, September 16, at 5:30. And that's it. I just want to say, you know, thank you to everybody, for being patient with me. And we look forward to again, that's the policy subcommittee and invite everyone to participate and help us we don't declare that we have all the answers, but we know that we

have to work together. And this policy and Reparations is all taking place really, on every level got to be very clear. So we need people to participate. And we need to have be a part of these listening sessions as we move forward. And I thank you for listening. Thank you

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Member Landry for a very thorough presentation here. And I appreciate all the thought and information that was included here. We are going to transition here for public comment as relates to this presentation. So we'll get some responses from members of the public. I hand it over to the madam secretary to open this up and then we will entertain a conversation by the committee.

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Thank you Vice Chair Hollins. I just want to remind everyone that public comment this evening is three minutes you can use the q&a feature or raise hand icon. Now I would like to welcome Mr. Johnson back Mr. Kim Johnson.

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Mr Johnson you are on mute. Can you unmute yourself? Why don't we go to Lydia Vincent White and we can return back to Mr. Johnson. So Lydia Vincent White.

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Hi. Yes. Thank you so much. Committee for this report. I just had a couple of things. One was a would you please if you're going to share this, the slides out, go through them and all of the misspelled words, just correct. The misspelled have another set of eyes, just so that it looks really professional and, and we look like? Yeah, just all of the slides, no misspelled words. And that'll be great. The other thing I wanted to ask is, for the outcome slide, it seems like I want to make sure that I have this right. It says each Black African American individual, born and raised and who has lived in San Francisco, since the incorporation of the city and county of San Francisco will receive Reparations. That to me, says that Reparations will go to people who were born in the 1779. So I'm not certain that that's what that's that slide means. So I just just need clarity on that. Mr. Landry.

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Thank you, Miss Vincent White. Now I'd like to welcome Dennis Williams.

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Good evening. Can you hear me? Yes. Okay, perfect. I just wanted to chime in and just say thank you to Mr. Landry for, for getting us through that and making it well informative. And I think with just with the critiques that was just made by the lady that just spoke, it would be excellent. I just want to also chime in just from my meetings with several supervisors will, you know, leave them nameless for now. But they also know that us waiting to 2024 is long, just for them to be forced to submit this stuff to them and then have to wait another year, or not even exactly a lot of time, as we remember, two years ago talking about there's no time limit for the supervisors, once they get even the stuff that we here at the committee presents a time limit for them to you know, over, you know, look through it. And so there's a lot of games being played and we cannot get railroaded because like we said, there's a lot of other ethnic groups that people applaud all through the city when it's their

turn for inclusion. We've seen billions go to the Chinese community when Ed Mayor Ed Lee was alive. And we applauded it in the Black community. We applauded when the LGBTQ, at least in the Fillmore, which is our neighborhood, neighboring district, to Castro when when they got including them, we participated highly voted for a lot of inclusion stuff, whether we knew you know fully about it or not. So we want to see the same. Or if we're not getting the same support from his other ethnic groups, it shouldn't matter, we need to push our spar sales on prop 209. And lastly, but that is harmful for the Black inclusion in jobs from a business level. And just for our committee also, as it lumps us in with all these other ethnic groups, which is purposely done to railroad us. So I think like I said, a few critiques to this to make it more professional as was stated. And to just have a no holds attitude, because like I said, Ukraine has received money border immigrants who have received recently and whether it was right or wrong. It's our turn now and we should not stand silently and idle. I mean, I'm ready to be at the city hall and it's like whoes with me.

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Thank you. Thank you. Now I would like to see if Mr. Johnson is able to participate in public comment.

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Mr. Johnson, Can you unmute yourself? Okay, we're going to move on to Linda Parker Pennington. welcome Linda.

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Thank you so much. And I hope you can hear me. I am this I think is the first time I'm making a comment. I've been on the Reparations taskforce calls often and I really appreciate the work of the task force. And I My question actually, for Member Landry is similar to what I think it's Lydia Vincent White had the question about this and it's who is the group that is designated as benefiting from this from Reparations. And I'm thinking specifically of the people who had to leave San Francisco. So they're in the diaspora and around the Greater Bay Area, and many of them still come back to San Francisco for work, or for other reasons. And they may have spent all their lives here, and then they got pushed out. And so in the definition, I didn't really see that group of people. And I do worry about that I'm concerned about them, first of all, being brought back into the city through the policies and legislation and making it just possible to do so. So I just want to make sure that wasn't overlooked. Thank you.

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Thank you. Now I'd like to welcome Frederick Martin.

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Thank you. Thank you, Daniel Landry for that. Very good and comprehensive. Report back. I there's not enough time for me to say all the good things about that. So just great job. I will, I think I'll be able to make it this Friday. I've been trying to go to the meetings. But yes, a lot of important work. And I love the fact that you included you know, housing and different things that have policies that need to be implemented, laws that need to be implemented and changed. The only thing that I would have to add, and I may have missed it, it may not have just been spoken out loud. It might be in the slides or presentation. I did not hear about i in the groups or demographics that were named at the beginning of who this is for I did not hear people with disabilities. And if it

was in there, that's great. If it is not, I'm just going to suggest and ask if people with disabilities can be put in there because historically, the elders and people with disabilities are not even considered or they may be talked about when it comes to policies. But when it comes down to the policies being made in the city, in my experience, from what I've seen so far, it's usually defer to Department of Disability and aging services. And it's like, you know, it's so I'll just say this, people with disabilities that are Black, African American or Brown identified, get the worst of the worst, and it's much harder to challenge or fight back. We do. But it's still just I'm just asking that that group be added.

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Thank you, Mr. Martin. Mr. Johnson, are you able to participate in public comment?

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Please unmute yourself. Okay,

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we are having issues connecting with Mr. Johnson. If there are any other members of the public who would like to participate in public comment on this item, please use the raise hand icon or q&a feature. I do not see. Oh, Sammy Brodnax. Welcome, Sammy.

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Can you hear me? Yes. Thank

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Thank you so much. Good evening. To each and every one of you. Thanks for having me. And I've been coming in on Zoom for majority of the meetings. And sometimes i consider, maybe I'm wrong, that I'm an immigrant myself in my own country. It just felt weird to be, you know, since I didn't come here to San Francisco until the 60s, the late 60s.

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But I was looking at it at a totally different way.

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You put In what you're feeling, and that's what a lot of people would say. So I think I'm putting in the time and the work here in this city to qualify plus Mr. Martin, just a few minutes ago about being disabled, now I'm very, I am disable i have two three different kinds of diseases. But Mr. Landry, the one of the greatest jobs of all, to me, as a young man, he did a lot of research, it takes a lot of time. And a lot of effort, and a lot of your mind got to be really, really own your job. And really what you really want to do, and I just want to commend all of you, who all who has been doing the work.

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But let's don't forget about those people in their 70s, and 80s, weather, I was born here. When I came in as an immigrant, don't just kick me to the side, whenever you know, give me a fair shot. Because I have a family here. Hi, I'm owner. And a co op. I'm a shareholder. And I enjoy and I love my city of San Francisco, because this is my home. I've been here for over 50 year, almost lot more than 50, maybe. But do not just kick us to the side and say, Well, hey, look. And I know we got a lot of churches that wants to do this and do that and do that. People go on and do what they want to do. But let's stick together as Black people and make this thing work. That's all really. Okay.

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Thank you. Mr. Brodnax. Are there any other members of the public who would like to participate in public comment at this time, please use the raise hand icon or q&a feature. Okay, Vice Chair Hollins, I do not see any members of the public indicating they'd like to participate in public comment right now.

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Thank you, Madam Secretary. And thank you to all the members of the public who participated in the public comment. We will now open it up for committee discussion before calling the next item. Any members of the committee that like to

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a couple of hands. We'll start with Member Erving. Hi,

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good evening, wanting to thank Member Landry in the policy committee. For a well done report, I definitely want to hear a response to the target recipients like you know, just if we can respond to the public that will be great asking for clarification around that. I also really appreciate I think it goes to it did two things. It reinforced the paralysis of analysis, right. Like here go all these reports we've been we've seen it. But it also spoke to what our member of the audience, Miss Carlos said, which is it? Nothing happened to it? Right. So it just showed us again, all these reports that nothing happened to or we didn't do anything with it. And I think what was different with this one, and I, you know, haven't seen those entirety was that you all you came with some solid recommendations and the how to do it. Right. So whether it was through the tax, or making sure that we were an eligible class. And so I just the question I had was, what research have you done around the eligible class? And how do we actually make it happen? So I see what it is, and that that's a way to get around it. But how do we make sure

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What are the steps? So if you can explain the steps, that would be great. And if you could answer the public in

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So yeah,

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thank you. So that's still working progress. But at this point, as a subcommittee, we've been looking at the state task force report and use some of the information there, obviously, you know, locally is different from the state Reparations or even recommendations. But really, we haven't been able, at this point to finalize the eligibility, or who would be eligible here in San Francisco. So this update was Mostly just to kind of get an idea of where we going and what we really need to assist us going forward. But we're a long, long way off, but we're not there yet.

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No, it was a suggestion. And so clarity was it that PowerPoint goes out and in our public is seeing it and their questions about who that suggestion or recommendation was about. So that's all I'm asking for clarity. I know, as a team and a committee, we have not done that. But it's in there.

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this is not a report, just to update Actually, it's more so in house, it's not what I designed to go out to where I'm at, because basically, we use this just as an update to ourselves actually move towards the draft report in December. Can you hear me? Yes, sir. That's what this this was just moving us giving us updates as we move towards our final draft report for December of this year.

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Thank you remember Erving. Chairman McDonald.

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Thank you Vice Chair Hollins. First, again, thank you Member Landry and the policy subcommittee for the great and hard work. And in lifting up where our policy kind of leverage points and opportunities are. Couple of comments, one, around the eligibility, as was just referenced more broadly for where the committee is concerned, the intent or goal, the intent is to have our October meeting, the central theme of that meeting be eligibility. So we will grapple with that as best we can and develop a shared point of view around what that eligibility, how do we represent the eligibility? And second comment is I met with and had a conversation with the city attorney, to just to get try to get an understanding to get my non legal brain around this issue of 209? And what are the path of opportunity, you know, quote, unquote, around it? And as best I understand, quote me if I'm right, don't if I'm wrong, is what 209 specifically precludes is the naming of a people group as direct

recipients of public funds. What it doesn't speak to which then potentially becomes the path around it is, if you think about, you know, when any of us might sue someone for harm and or damages, that is allowable, if you can demonstrate the harm. And so as we've taught throughout our deliberations, again, around chronically and capturing the harm the degree to which we can state the harm, and then specifically named those harmed, that is a path forward. Now, that's easier said than done. Right. And so part of what we'll have to, you know, figure out individually, collectively is how we, you know, get those receipts and how we connect the dots to Member Landry was harmed through these acts, and therefore he is do these repairs is our challenge is our opportunity and challenge. So, just wanted to share that again, great report, and I appreciate the hard work of the entire committee.

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Thank you for their clarity in for responding to some of the questions that were posed. Chair McDonald, Member Williams.

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Thank you, Mr. Landry for the presentation and also the policy committee with this research and all this stuff. We came with a lot of strong recommendations and how to do it, but like we should be having more of a deep dive on how these policies or lack of policies affected Black San Francisco, San Franciscans growth in this city. For example. One of the recommendations was city of San Francisco should pay off all mortgages for housing cooperatives, we should be talking about, oh, the the lack of policy from the city of San Francisco how they did not stop the gentrification and also Black San Franciscans policy getting bought off for cheap. That's why they pay off all the mortgages and also with the for

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former felons not able To get government assistance, like how is this affecting Black San Franciscans who were felons on not getting any government assistance? Like are they have to? are they picking have to pick up more jobs, or they're ending up homeless, and stuff like that. So I feel like we shouldn't be more having a more deep dive, and how the lack of policy and the policies that were enforced by San Francisco

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on foreign policy.

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Thank you very much Member Williams for your recommendations. Remember, Berry

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Thank you, co chair, I mean, Vice Chair Hollins. And I agree with the body that Member Landry did an excellent job on the report. I have one recommendation that we add with the various taxes, you mentioned that we can, the vacancy tax will be on the ballot this November. So maybe we could get with the Board of Supervisors

before and see if part of that money they get on that can be allocated towards Reparations, as well as the cannabis tax Lord knows where that money even goes. Also, as far as I heard, members of the public mentioned eligibility and whatnot. And I understand you are recommending, and throwing out where what direction we're calling as far as that, and I was just curious for you, for me for Ekanem and past Brown is, are we going to vote on any of these? You know, or is it whatever the subcommittee lead comes up with? This is what it is, you know, how's that going to go? Because I'm really concerned that we have a report due December 1. And our rough draft to that report is November 1. And we only have one more meeting before that. And are we just going to go with whatever you know us as leads recommend? Or is there going to be a whole body vote on all these issues?

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Good questions, Chair McDonald, do you want to respond to any

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happy to respond? You are right first Member Berry that we have a short timeline. So the importance of getting reports done as soon as possible. Our goal and deadline as you referenced is November 1. So it would be fantastic if we got them sooner. But understand folks need time to do the work. And then to your question of kind of final adoption. Yes, the entire committee will weigh in on all recommendations. Before they are submitted in the context of a report to the Board of Supervisors.

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Thank you Chairman McDonnell. Member Ekanem.

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First and foremost, Member Landry and policy subcommittee, excellent job. You know, I'm glad that you you sent it out. Because that was just the way in which you you laid everything out was really great, even though I've read like many other reports, so kudos to you, thank you so much for like for doing that because it's extremely important. I think for me, just a few things that sort of come up. I personally had been on a lot of calls at the federal and state level when it came when it's come to the new infrastructure bill. When it comes to farm bills, for example, with the Farm Bill, they actually try to do some board for thinking work around actually reimbursing Black farmers for harm that has been done. And unfortunately, what we've seen there is that those measures have been overturned at the federal level. So for us, quite honestly, it's not just prop 209. There are federal laws that could be instituted in order to like reverse what we need to do. So you're focused on how do we actually properly properly frame this. So that it is legal proof is is a really hard task, but it's the right way to go. And so for me, it's not just and I know, I don't like prop 209. But that's where we're living unless we are less we are going to say we're going to repeal that. But there but what you're talking about and what you've sort of outlined, pretending around class and other items might be a way to go. So I just want to put that forward as it's not just 209. We're also taking a look at federal laws, and quite honestly the

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other side.

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They're evil. I don't know how else to say it. Right. And they will come after us. And so to have this as tight as possible is going to be really important. While we can't necessarily say Black and I love what Chair McDonald's said around, look at If we quantify the harm, and it's just like a legal case, we sort of delineate that accordingly. So that on the economic empowerment side is exactly what we've been trying to do. One of the best jobs in the city that have been done so far is acting in the cannabis space. And so I would like to sort of take a look at that. So they've outlined a number of criteria and that are, that highly target our community, and they it's withstood the legal muster of others like to date now the implementation of that there's something else that we have to look at the look at. But sort of moving forward, we really have to sort of take a look at that, that entire to the legal framework in which we and see who's done it well. And the cannabis ordinance is one of the ones that is least helped define where equity money should go, even if the actual implementation might be lacking. And then lastly, I just want to talk to the way in which this has been defined on the state level, I have a real concern about defining lineage, the system was set up, so that we would not know I literally have clients and we sort of work on the cannabis side and in other areas where they have to define that they've gone to school in San Francisco. If you are 50 plus years old, that is really hard. That is extremely hard to do. We're in a nation where we you know, quite honestly, the birther movement, show me your birth certificate was born. And I don't know, think that most people knew that before 1960. You know, Black people didn't have birth certificates, in a lot of places before 1940, they definitely did. And so when people said that, what they really said is, hey, you know, we know you can't prove this, you know, you came from Mississippi or other places, you can't prove this and my feeling around lineage is that we might not be able to prove that. Because as much as I love it, and I understand it, great grandma's story about where she came from, is not a legal defense in court. Right. And so when we talk, when we take a look at that class argument, we need to be so crystal clear about how we can actually defend that, under the worst circumstance, not the best. I love everything that you're talking about. I love the work that sort of gone into it. I'm just raising this as concerns, right. And I think a really great way forward is really taking a look at this from I mean, honestly, a legal case and saying, Hey, these harms had been done. Your 94124 from 1920, all the way on, these things have happened, we can prove it. Right. Miss Johnson lived 1300 , you know, Evans that, that and we can go down that route, and sort of be really specific. And unfortunately, I think we're just in a, in a time and a place, we have to do that extra amount of work. And I think one of the other things that other folks don't get is that one of the reasons why these other reports didn't work, is because they didn't do the level of work that you're embarking on right now that we're all embarking on right now. So you you made a commitment, we've all made a commitment that, hey, this is not just a report that we're going to hand over. Right. But you also talked about it needs to be an ordinance or something else, where we critically outline the path forward, because we're not going to leave it up to a bunch of other people to try to determine the path forward. We have to do that work ourselves. So I want to just say I appreciate you for doing that. I know, my subcommittee I know other subcommittees have like they're beginning to go down that path. And I just think it's critically important that we do that work, so that when we hand this over, other people aren't getting into the details and trying to derail us. So thank you for that work.

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Thank you, Mr. Ekanem. Reverend Brown.

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Thank you, Madam Chair. Members of the task force. There's two things I would say. But brother, and this is one time with old man. Like to share something genuine with you and the entire task force.

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My great great grandfather, Patrick Brown was born in 1821. In Franklin County, Mississippi, At 1882 he bought 150 acres of land pay \$700 for it paid three payments and thanks to the genealogical research of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints I have copies

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of every one of those receipts he was enslaved that's the same area that in Franklin County where Nathan Wright was born at a at Roxy row Blackboard and then his son All right, let me go to my mother's side Rafe Robinson, and his brother, William Robertson. are caught into records also that were produced by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

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Both of those brothers voted in every election in Mississippi, from 1875 to 1890, that Devers, Ku Klux Klan, got on the ride terrorize our ancestors, As suppress the Black vote. I could go on and on. But let me say this, that has stopped throwing up our hands and saying what can't be done. 3rd Baptists just got through celebrating this past Sunday is 170 anniversary.

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This church was founded by a woman named Eliza Davis from Albemarle County, Virginia long short of it is thanks to that geological bank last year, and have been in Salt Lake City. You know what I discovered

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some that this church in all of his history had not discovered. All we basically knew was that Eliza Davis was the founder. But while over there in 30 minutes, one of the staff members of that research center came up with a full scale article an auto biographical interview by Eliza Davis who live to be 103. Four months and 18 days. I have a copy of that artical. I don't want to go on and on. I want to bored the audience and this is committed. But I want us to stop saying what can't be done. There are records that are still available. That's point number one I want to make. Point number two we must be careful to keep in mind in my estimation

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that we spend the time kind of a timeline that will lock us in and we're not get anything done.

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When there is what they call low hanging fruit that we go after. You say Well, that can't be done. I'll give you an example how it's been done. I'm on the Vice President of the State taskforce we had discussions about what happened to that Black family down at Manhattan Beach. Their property was taken. We had finished our study. But what did we do? We said to Mr. Newsome we got some clear evidence here. But what happened to that family? And it was through executive order that Governor Newsom got involved. And that family has gotten that property back that was taken from them. Other thing that we're dealing with is Allensworth. In 1908, Colonel

Allen Ellsworth had a vision of replicating Tuskegee Institute, down there in that community. But what happened? Racist, white folks. Those racist, white folk are beat. messed with the water, they couldn't get water, just like they're messing with water down in my hometown of Jackson, Mississippi right now. But this state task force is dealing with how it can be a programmatic reparation effort to revive Alan's work. And then moving on that right now, we haven't finished the report at all. So let's come home, let's come home. And I'm making this an either or proposition. There are other things that we must do show as a matter of this plus. And I think we should consider also, we can pat it and robot bellows at the same time. We can approach this thing into two fashion. But the one immediate thing before us, when you talk about what has been taught taken away from us as Blacks in that fillmore, we have the clear evidence, and the people who are still around who's still alive, where the facts are, what the redevelopment did. That was harmful. That was unjust. And that heritage is building. The personalities are still here, including third Baptist, who have evidence of why we were wrong. In fact, that various site there were that heritage building is. Third, Baptist had exclusive negotiation rights to develop that area for school, a sanctuary, a senior service building. And for economic sales space. That's the fact we don't need to research that. That was a wronging of a Black institution, at a Black people, period. And finally, when you leave a building, to develop a broken windows syndrome, it is. That is just downright wrong. It's criminal is unjust, but that Bill and just sit there when there are people who were wrong, we're still around here who have not been engaged and we can engage them and come to the table as a family and reason things out and make sure that faces and hands that look like our Black hands, who I Integritas business minded, have a track record and can do things not for any one particular capitalist.

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Well for the good of the people the people's agenda. So, I rest right here, hated to go on so long. But I must say we must not spend a whole lot of time totally talking, analyzing, theorizing and the enemy will have locked us out and that which rightfully belonged to us, and I use us The plural that individuals, it will be gone. And we again as African Americans will be ifing and belly aching or lost opportunities.

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Thank you Reverend Brown.

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Two things. One, I just want to call attention to time, we are now two hours into the meeting. And now there are still several members who have their hands up for comment on this item, we also have two more items that will need to go through. I also want to remind the members of the public that public comment is closed on this item. I do want to entertain a few hands. But before I do, I also saw earlier in the chat, the Member Erving asked a question specifically about the Fillmore Heritage Center and where the committee's recommendation had fallen. Her decision in terms of next steps was chair McDonnell. I wonder if you can help me respond to that question. But since it's come up a couple times, as it relates to this item.

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Member Erving, can you restate the question for me? Sure.

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So just to and I think it's around, just said, which is at low hanging fruit, right, the things that we can do right now. And so I know that the public has come before and we've talked about the Heritage Center, and we talked about as a committee, the things we can do right now. So I am wondering, what happened, are we going to make so we did it for redistricting, we made an official recommendation. And I'm wondering if we're going to make an official recommendation and try to move forward with the Heritage Center in the immediate and not waiting into the end? Well, when are we have to submit the official ones?

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So I would guess I would say in short, if anyone on the committee has a specific proposal to bring forward for consideration, yes, we should do that.

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So what needs to happen is for us just to write a proposal or the recommendation and submit it, bring it here and submit it.

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Correct. Got it. Thank you.

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Thank you. And Member Collins, Vice Chair Hollins, I just wanted to acknowledge that I raised my hand again, because Member Hamilton asked me to read out.

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I also saw that. Thank you Member Erving. I'm going to call on that I saw Member Browns hand but I don't see it anymore. I'll move on to Member Cunningham.

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Thank you Vice Chair Hollins. Can you all hear me? Okay, thank you. Um, I just kind of wanted to make a point that, you know, we live in the city and county of San Francisco and in the country that really does not want to give Reparations to Black people, right, they just absolutely do not want to. But I think that it's urgent that we use our policy committee in this whole, our whole task force to really we have to be strategic in the language that we use. And I know we're like it's kind of redundant. We're tired of hearing this. But we have to think about, you know, there's policies and procedures that were written hundreds of years ago. And some of them, you know, were against Black people, and it said Black or the Negro, right, which we can't use that language today. When we look at what we're trying to get for Black people, we have to actually look a little bit outside of the box. We especially if we can't use Black or African American. And so some of the things that we were talking that I was thinking about. You know, we all see people who give go who put post GoFundMe ads, right? And you have people who's like, I'm never gonna give no money to no GoFundMe, however, you see somebody who posts a need, such as maybe a baby shower, registry or wedding and they're like, oh, I can get those diapers off of there, or I can get that those flowers. I think people are more willing to do donations in that way. But um, that's just another way to think about getting what you want, right? People might not want to give dollars, but they may give things that way. The other thing is taxes. And Landry mentioned this. One thing I think about is

what is something that we all use, and we all need, right? We use pg&e, we got lights on right now, we should be thinking about how can we get a tax added to PG&E. We all use gas. Guess what gas was five, six hours we complain but we still bought that gallon the gas didn't we right water

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we use in water. These are things that are necessities that once it can get voted in or executive order or whatever legislation that can come out that can happen. People are going to be spinning this whether they want to or not. And that's kind of the thing that I'm thinking about. I don't want to really give you the option to say no. If you want to run your water, you want to cook and you want to drink, you're going to spend that money. So whether that's 25 cents a gallon. That's going to be going into Reparations, right? We have people did that for a weed. Right, marijuana, right. So I'm thinking like, we have to really be mindful of that to the lineage. Topic, going with harms was not really an option, according to the state based on other groups of people have been harmed. So what we are doing is taking the harms within the Black community to discuss what that looks like. And some of the things that has come to mind for me is, let's just take and I'm there, I'm real big on therapy. So therapy in the schools, right? How do we say we want Black kids to have therapy in the school? Can you just flat out say that? No, they're not going to say that, however, how can we look at the harms that have happened to Black children are most of them and say, if there's 10, criterias, and you meet six, or seven of these criterias, you get this right? So let's take, I'm sure there's people on this call right now, even on the committee who have lost a loved one to gun violence, right? If you happen to be a child who's lost a family member to gun violence, how they how they got this little thing going on, Tiktok put you to take two step forwards, if you you know, if you didn't have if he was raised with your with both parents take two step forwards, if you, you know, had, um, if you don't have to worry about your cell phone getting cut off all these things, if we looked at gun violence, if we looked at foster care system, right? If you look, we looked at being raised with someone other than your bio parent, if we looked at going hungry, if we looked at maybe you had a CPS case, if we had a list of things that unfortunately plagued our people, and because some people are gonna have that there's gonna be some brown people who have, you know, lost ones to gun violence, there's gonna be some people who, you know, maybe a car accident that they want to throw out there No. So I feel like, if we kind of broaden it out to like, really get something specific, and then have a you gotta meet, you know, X amount out of 10. Because we don't want others to come in and take what is for us, because that's been happening. Everybody keeps pushing us out the way and ticking the things that should be for us. So those are just kind of some things that I wanted to share about. And I think those harms can be broken down into all the areas of education. I mean, it's just, you know, Black women who lose babies miscarriages, right all the time. And, you know, low birth weights all the time, all these different kinds of things that are tailor made to to us in a negative way, how can we flip that and make a tailor made in a positive way? Thank you.

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Thank you Member Cunningham. Excellent suggestions. And I hope that these suggestions continue to make their way into the subcommittee recommendations, because it sounds like this is the next step for us to be looking at what we want to prioritize as, as the recommendations for how to repair the harm. I also want to continue to be a huge advocate for looking at the agencies in this city. They have the biggest budgets, and especially as they relate to Black disparities. We have Enterprise agencies here in San Francisco, like SFPUC, you see, they have billions of dollars in their budget, that own real estate. That also profit we pay into these systems

that are actually more than just San Francisco but around the state of California. So definitely want us to continue looking at agencies and systems and where money is currently being held. As a part of the recommendations in our individual subcommittees, as we start coming back around, we have four hands remaining, someone call them in the order that I'm looking at them on the screen. First will be Member Gwen Brown, then Member Ekanem. Then Member Erving and then we'll close out with Member Landry.

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Thank you, Member Landry. I just had a couple questions. And I'm just getting straight to the point just because for the sake of time, you guys, so one of the questions I have was did you go with co-ops because they're all over San Francisco? Or are they mainly in certain neighborhoods? I bring that up in also elevating redlining. I'm in Lakeview. And there was a lot of Black homeownership in Lakeview. And so I'm hoping that in considering the recommendations, we make sure that we keep in mind compensation should match the harm. And so maybe some of the recommendations should be expanded from the out migration report. Also, just piggybacking off of what Member Cunningham and Miss Hollins just mentioned, which is there are enterprising agency within the city and county of San Francisco that make money and our businesses. PUC is one of them. And so that is a huge department. And I think that attaching this to attaching the Reparations tax to PUC might be something that is gives us better leverage than a sales tax. Just because we already have I think, is that 8.652% percent. But as a whole in California, we're almost at 50%. And so I think that's important to consider in getting this Reparations. And getting these Reparations through. And if there is going to be consideration for sales tax that we figure out how to exempt Black businesses. Also on the on the idea of cannabis, if cannabis, there's this equity law, that was because of the war on drugs. There's this big conversation within the state about a lot of different policies and different efforts that are addressing the war on drugs. And so if we can attach the Reparations tax to possibly be a repair, used by cannabis sales, I think that's also smart and in alignment with what the state is already doing. And so what else did I have? At also considering what we're talking about? It sounds like we really have to be intentional about creating the eligibility criteria. And so one of the things that we may look me to look into, along with what this data is doing, and directing it to lineage, is thinking about, is there a way to create an out migration preference. And the reason why I bring that up is because that's something that in San Francisco locally, the Black community has, has, has, has has has been harmed by policies that have forced are out migration. And I think that's something specific to the Black community. So we're worried about eligibility and criteria and other groups benefiting from this Reparations tax, I think out migration might be one of the ways that we can approach it. Because I think everyone else's numbers actually went up while ours went down. So maybe that's something to consider when we're talking about the eligibility criteria. So those are just a couple of Oh, one more thing. So you mentioned the real estate portfolio. So there's actually a city there's actually a department in San Francisco. That is the real estate department that has a list of all the properties that San Francisco ohms that are not just in the city and county PUC is actually in Santa Clara, San Mateo County. So department water is actually down there on El Camino, which is not in San Francisco. Hetch Hetchy is a part of that. And so there are other real estate properties that south of the city and county of San Francisco all homes, that you that we all have privy to. So just wanted to also put that out there for you Member Landry to look at the Department of Real Estate in city and county of San Francisco. Thank you. Sorry,

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I had trouble getting off mute there. Thank you. Member Brown, Member Ekanem. Right,

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just really quickly, one of the things that we're so we've been talking about our subcommittee and what we're doing, this is just one of them the housing and Spaceial Justice subcommittee. So here are just some of the interim demands that we're sort of talking to this is not everything. But please note that we are doing a lot of work on the Fillmore Heritage Center, we actually have a lot of people from the community who have stepped up. We're part of that project right now from Majeed and others who are helping us define what that looks like. So no need to read redefine the wheel. If you have any new thoughts, areas issues, please come to the working group that we have under the economic environment subcommittee specifically about spatial justice, because we're starting with the Fillmore but we actually want to take we are creating a list of all the other sites that we actually need to own that are history of historical significance for us. We also talked specifically about homeownership, we're doing a deep dive on the co ops and full ownership, a lot of them and this is something I didn't know this was actually brought to us from community is that we actually have a number go to actually Black run right, and they're actually struggling with either resources or the ability to get other Black people into the coop itself. Right and of course there's typically a preference holders and part of the whole Black card thing really want to say hey, you have this certificate, you go to the front of the line, there's no more issues around qualification. The city covers that right. So this is how we actually want to redefine and reduce your certificates of preference moving forward. So if you on housing and spaceial justice, if you have any ideas anything else, please come talk to me. We're doing a deep dives on this. going really deep getting this work done. No need to redefine the wheel. We are actually pushing forward on like all of this

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Sorry, Vice President hollis. I know I was next week. So I'll go thank you Member Ekanem. I think that's important that we sharing it out. And I know that it will come out and report but that we share so that folks know that there was an opportunity to weigh in and have voice there. So thank you for that update. Member Hamilton has a loud background. So wanted to read this into the record is that for a suggestion, we should meet all supervisors we should meet with all the supervisors about legislating Reparations. Currently, the only only the Task Force as a committee is legislated. So when the report is done, they will be forced to address the recommendations. So I'm gonna read that in

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there. Thank you Member

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Member Landry? Yeah, so

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thank you, everyone. I've been, you know, I'm taking notes. And we definitely would our upcoming US policy subcommittee meeting this Friday, I would acts if available to join that meeting, because reparation tax will be at the top of our agenda. You know, I just again, just wanted my This is an update report, you know, as y'all notice, is not written in stone. And it was just so many great comments and even, you know, critique of the whole my mind with this, because I've been under a lot of pressure to just get this out. And, you know, without

my go to person Juell, it's been very difficult to kind of like coordinate a lot of things because it's information that I had to retrieve from way back 2021. However, though, I'm very, I think, you know, optimistic on us going forward with dealing with this policy in a way that we can implement this policy and turn it into laws here in San Francisco. I think everyone and again, I've been taking notes, oh, the action subcommittee, I will again, hope that we could probably up at a certain point either vote on it, consider it, is this a great way to involve us in a way that we working with the community and addressing some of the issues of like, even what a Member of Hamilton Rico was just speaking about, like being with the Board of Supervisors, you know, we should have times and days where we just come together, and just go down to the Board of Supervisors meeting. And I think that would help rally up the community and give people to me a little more momentum, versus you know, just what all these meetings sometimes seem like we're moving really slow. And that's just not reality. We made a we have to put this language together. However, I think an action subcommittee, again, would help answer some of those questions. So yeah, that's, that's it, but I'm gonna put in the chat, our meeting zoom information for this Friday at 5:30. And again, and I encourage everyone to participate. And I will make these notes. I heard all the members, some of the excellent comments and even from the public. Thank you. And I will bring it to the policy subcommittee meeting for discussion. Thank you.

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Thank you, Member Landry. And thank you to all the members of the policy subcommittee really well done, I know that it's not an easy feat to pull together, all of the information that you all come out to share with us members of the public. I'm really excited about the next steps from here are a lot of great suggestions that came from the discussion on the past two presentations from the subcommittee's so I encourage everyone to take a look at the conversations and recommendations that are in the chat the q&a, get involved with the subcommittee participate, again in the community listening sessions, and then for this committee as we move forward and think about how we are able to narrow down our action recommendations and also our strategy, because that's going to be a big part of making this reel. And just thinking about some of the reports that were mentioned. In your presentation Member Landry that some of us are old enough or young enough to remember being a part of those conversations from the unfinished agendas wanting to the out migration reports. Unfortunately, what was missing from them was the action plan and advocacy plan. Lots of great data, lots of great research that's still relevant today. But the action plan in the next steps is, is really critical. So looking forward to this committee moving into that process. There is a question in the q&a about an upcoming upcoming meeting. If someone can drop the link for the Friday meeting with us as recorded tourists in the chat, that'd be appreciated. And seen as how there are no additional hands right now from the members of the committee to entertain. continued discussion on this item. I'm going to move that we close this item out, hand over to our Uh, madam secretary to call on the next agenda item.

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Thank you Vice Chair Hollins. **The Next Agenda Item Is Number Eight** Shakeyla O'Cain This is a discussion item. Committee members and members of the public may offer announcements for upcoming events and other items relevant to the community. There will be public comment on this item. And I am asking for a little bit of time after committee members announce we do have some human rights commission meaning announcements as well.

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Thank you, Madam Secretary. Announcements, we will begin with members of the public if there are members of the public who would like to share announcements with the committee. Please do so now. Madam secretary who call on any other hands that maybe

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I do see one hand raised that says guest, so please, welcome and announce your name and your announcement.

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Hi, my name is Vijay Crawford. I'm the Executive Director of Newcomen leadership foundation. Just want to say it's always honored to be here. And it's really I mean, it's really amazing the work that you are doing, I feel so inspired, I believe. I'm a believer, just seeing committee reports where I just wanted to give an update regarding certificate of preference. So I'm just happy to announce that our contract with links and site have been signed by OCI. So our program is in process. Or Currently, we have all our press release and website design and content already set. And so we delivered to OCI and we're currently waiting for them to give us the green light on our content. Our first steps are for the certificate preference search is to do a press release, which is going to be a nationwide press release. And then we're going to be hiring people from the community to help with our process of making phone calls to people to make sure that we were able to identify the right people the right information. And so basically how our process will work is we're using the same high tech technology that most private investigation, you know, FBI or the all the other top of 1000s of databases, we'll be taking information that OCI has given us regarding last regarding the information that was given when locations were seized, you know, the head of household

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I believe we've lost the connection. So I'm what we can do is follow up. Hello, hi. Okay, you're back. We're going to restart, or we're going to start the timer again.

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Okay, where did I leave off? Okay. So yeah, I just wanted to I'm not sure where I left off at. But just want to let you know that that we did sign a contract with OCI, we're just getting started getting our content, press releases all our information approved. And so I will be at the subcommittee meeting tomorrow, the spaceial justice and we'll be giving an update there, where they invited me to give an update there. So just let you know, it's just starting and I will be given updates to the spatial justice committee and regarding the progress and moving forward. Thank

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you. Thank you. Now I'd like to welcome Frederick Martin.

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Thank you. The announcement that I have is on September 24. We're having the Jesse Ali street fair on Sixth Jessie alley at sixth street. So it's just a couple of alleyways down from Marquette and six. And the reason why I'm announcing this in this space is because it was created by four people of color, and I was one of them. We've

gotten some funding, and it's really about slowing down gentrification, making space for local artists that initially it was District Six, which included 94102 94103 But since the you know, since the changes, it's no longer a part of District Six, but it's still part of our community. So it was started by people of color to preserve the local culture and the artists, whether it's culinary arts, performers, vendors who lost a storefront or a space in a store, or they've been street vendors, we want them to be able to get a storefront or get into a storefront. Um, so it's really important, we created our own Jesse ally street fair cash. But it's just really important because we've been talking about how we can keep the Black dollar in the community and support local people. This is one way so we get to, you know, close off the street and have this it's going to be 10 vendors, 10 resource tables, it's going to be entertainment for a couple of hours. I believe there's going to be a drum circle. And there'll be we're working on some things for the youth, but it's about developing an alternative economy within District Six. Thank you.

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Thank you. Now I would like to welcome

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Frederick Martin.

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Oh, no. Dennis Williams. Sorry. Can you hear me? Yes.

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Okay. Um, I definitely want I don't have an update right now. But it's happening sometime this month. So I would be remiss if I didn't say that. I'm down here at Plaza East apartments. So I will leave the email of Martha Hollins. That's our tenant president of the tenant association down here. For our redevelopment that's going on. It's a \$350 million redevelopment. And this is for anyone on here and other organizations, leadership, committee members that care about, you know, these ownerships, deeds, gaining equity, we will it starts with us. Controlling the narrative, our own redevelopment, same thing with freedom West, which was um, as you know, if you know, the history of the Fillmore, where I'm from, was built with federal money was given to the pastor's of the community to build their who built their own buildings. Well, now they're under seized by out of state, I say slum lords who are taking the community. And so we need some activism, and vocalism on these things. Because, again, we keep saying ownership deeds and equity. Well, we have the control to slow down to gentrification in our communities. I want to thank Dr. Reverend Brown for that excellent history lesson as we don't get that the real narrative in universities. So thank you. Thanks, Glenn Brown, that was an excellent, excellent points. And Mr. Landry if you guys can get together now. You say he's writing notes, but those are key things to start holding these people accountable. And yes, as as flaming. Excuse me, Listen, we got it written down. Arvind stated, you know, that low hanging fruit there is things that we can capitalize on now and hold them accountable and not, you know, do this stuff in the sight and silence and quiet. I know that we're doing a diligent dive, but we have to be more. We're in a fourth wealthiest city in the world, our news rings all the way across international waters and borders. So getting I think, like Dr. James Brown said, I'm trying to talk fast get it all in but we have to get involved. Fiona Ma, which is California treasurer, Governor Gavin Newsom. Scott Weiner, who's who walks around and tiptoes around all the time in and out we have to get be more vocal with

our media publications because this resonates not only what we're doing is historical and I think if we push now push hard also like AE I will not butcher the name but on the committee members just say hey, and Mr. Landry on what you guys being more visible, and I'm active down at City Hall and being interface because the people are not confrontational. And I say that humbly speaking, but we have to we have to push you know. So I think that's I think that's all Thank you.

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Thank you are there any other members of the public would like to share their announcements at this time, please use the raise hand icon or q&a feature. Okay, Vice Chair Hollins. They do not see any other members of the public indicating they have announcements at this time.

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Thank you to all members of the public who participate in shared announcements. Now we'll open up to members of the committee. I do see two hands. We'll start with Member Berry

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Thank you Vice Chair Hollins. I have two announcements. The first one is after you attend Member Landry's meeting Friday. There's a rather before there's a celebration of Dr. Willie Ratcliff, the founder of the San Francisco Bay View national newspapers his 19th birthday celebration and it is located at Radio Africa kitchen at 5pm. And my other announcement is, if you have not already registered to vote, the ballots are coming out next month for November's election. On there will be District Attorney, school board members, public defender and the even number district supervisors including district 10 as well as a lot of ballot measures. So please, registered to vote and turn your ballot in they're coming out next month. Thank you.

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Great reminders. Thank you Member Berry Member Landry?

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Yes. So I'm just wanted to put in a chat so I just wanted to let you don't put it in the chat. Now the information for this Friday's meeting. And I say

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this. Nice and easy. Member Erving.

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Thank you. On September 15, from 5 to 7pm in the Lille Leola habit auditorium located at 1520 Oakdale Avenue in San Francisco, we will hold Black to school it's an opportunity for families of Black children to come together, get some resources, share some ideas, concerns and just be in fellowship with one another. And immediately following that event. There'll be some tickets that we offer but there's an event happening at the Bayview opera house to view the screening of I am Charlie Walker. So happened immediately after and hope to see you all there.

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Thank you

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Member Erving. Chair McDonnell.

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Thank you Vice Chair Hollins. Just one announcement on Sunday, September 18. 2 to 4pm. The San Francisco Black and Jewish unity along with share with Israel and third Baptists are co hosting a teaching on Reparations for African Americans in California and San Francisco. invited speakers are Dr. Shirley Weber, Dr. Theo Jackson, Dr. Reverend Amos Brown and myself again, two to four. There's options both for in person participation as well as online. Thank you. Thank you, Chair McDonnell.

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Madam Secretary, do you have your hand up as well?

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Yes, I do. I just wanted to invite everyone to our September 22. Human Rights Commission meeting starts at 5pm. You can attend in person at City Hall and room for 16 or remotely and we will hear a report back from the Office of racial equity. That will be the focus of that meeting. And then the Human Rights Commission is holding a two day conference pathways to parity investing in economic rights for all this will be in San Francisco in person being part of the conversation with some of the nation's most forward thinking policy experts on transformational economic empowerment, strategy and related impacts. Discussions will address youth employment development pipelines, Reparations, entrepreneurship and other pathways to economic mobility and security. Engage with thought leaders including Derek Hamilton, the new school Alicia Garza with Black futures lab, Pinkie Cole slitty, vegan, Robin, Ruth Simmons first repair representatives from the African American redress network and many more at this innovative multi site live and virtual convening. A portion of each day after lunch will focus on Reparations efforts in the region and nationally. I will put the link to register in the chat.

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Thank you, Madam Secretary.

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Are there any other announcements by committee members? Don't see any additional hands. If there are none. Madam Secretary, I'll hand it back to you. We will close out this item and move on to the next item on the agenda. Great.

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**The Next Item On The Agenda Is Adoption Of The July 11 Meeting Recording** this is an action item review and anticipated adoption of video record ordering of the African American Reparations advisory committees July 11.

Meeting an opportunity for committee members to elevate key points from the previous meeting. There will be public comment on this item.

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Thank you, Madam Secretary. So as mentioned, the minutes were distributed electronically. We're going to open for public comment here. If there are any members of the public who would like to comment on this item, please do raise your hand. Madam Secretary, please let us know if we see anyone who would like to make a comment on this item.

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I do not see anyone who is indicating they would like to comment on this item.

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Thank you. Since we have none here, I will turn it to the committee. Is there a motion to approve this item.

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Thank you, Chair McDonald while you're second.

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Thank you. Okay.

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I hear a second. And I also see a hand from Member Harris. I'll acknowledge both of those in a second. I think we're all in agreement. Any objections here?

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None. All right.

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Madam Secretary. were unanimous.

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Sorry, I was talking on mute. That item has been approved and now we can move on to the final item which is adjournment?

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Oh, you look at that we are here at the end. Chair McDonnell.

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Madam Vice Chair, I move that we adjourn this what has been a fantastic meeting chaired by you. Thank you all so much.

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I have a motion.

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Thank you, Rev Brown, to the members of the public and all members of the committee. Thank you all so much for joining us. Please join us for our next meeting. And we wish you all a good night please be safe.

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